

Amendments to the specification

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 30-31 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. 4A-4[B]D illustrate CCD images of a fluorescent sample stacking in two different-length sample-volume regions;

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 8 at lines 25-26, which currently reads as follows:

[Figs. 12A-12E illustrate steps in the handling and separating electrophoretic tags contained on branched polymer structures.]